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**Report of Police Intelligence Audit  
Pursuant to Seattle Municipal Code 14.12**

**David Boerner  
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On July 12 and 18, 2007, I reviewed material in the Seattle Police Department criminal intelligence section. As with previous audits I arranged with Lieutenant Ron Leavell for access to the material necessary to complete the audit. When I arrived at the Seattle Police Department all the material I requested was available for my review. Lt. Leavell cooperated fully with my audit. I was given access to all the files I requested to see.

The following is a summary of the categories of information reviewed for this report. These categories are the same as those inspected during previous audits.

1. **Request for information memorandum** – These documents are created when a law-enforcement agency or officer requests information on a given individual or group. There were sixteen requests for information. All involved either criminal activity or background check requests that are not covered by Seattle Municipal Code 14.12.
2. **Bulletins**  
The Intelligence Section issues bulletins to members of the Seattle Police Department concerning criminal activity, gang activity, visiting dignitaries and public events. Since the last audit, there were two criminal information bulletins, 15 gang information bulletins, and 39 intelligence bulletins.

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3. **Investigation files** – These files reflect ongoing investigations being conducted by the department – these investigations do not involve the collection of restricted information.
4. **Subject files** – This is an investigation file documenting suspected criminal activity by subject matter-for example, burglary, robbery or other crimes. As with previous audits, I conducted a random review of the investigation/subject files.
5. **Public information file index** – This is essentially a library containing public information and documents on areas of concern to law-enforcement. This file is open to review by members of the public. I reviewed the entire index of documents maintained in this library.
6. **Law-enforcement journals/literature index** – This file contains a library of law-enforcement publications. This library is not open to the public. I reviewed the entire index of documents maintained in this library.
7. **Authorizations for the collection of restricted information/related files** – (Seattle municipal code 14.12.160). The last audit ended with a review of authorization number 101. I reviewed all authorizations signed after authorization number 101, which included only two authorizations Nos. 06-A02 and 06-A03. I also reviewed authorization 101 because it had been extended.

All of the information described in categories 1-7 above appears to have been appropriately collected, distributed and/or maintained within the guidelines set out in the ordinance. I will briefly summarize each authorization for the collection of restricted information that was reviewed during this audit.

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***Review of Authorizations:***

**Authorization #101**

This authorization was signed on November 18, 2005 and extended on February 16, 2006, on September 14, 2006, on December 1, 2006, on February 23, 2007, and on May 30, 2007. No infiltration was requested. The authorization and the extensions appear to have been appropriately granted and the information collected germane to criminal activity.

**Authorization 06-A02**

The authorization was signed on August 1, 2006. It was extended on October 26, 2006 and expired on January 30, 2007. The authorization and the extension appear to have been appropriately granted and the information collected germane to criminal activity.

***Conclusion***

The authorizations for the collection of restricted information appear to have been appropriately approved, and a review of the files connected with these authorizations has not uncovered the collection of inappropriate or illegal information. No new authorizations have been issued since the last audit. One authorization expired. It appears from the files reviewed that there is no evidence of a pattern, practice or incident involving the collection of information in a manner prohibited by the ordinance. Based on the available information, the auditor concludes that the authorizations for the collection of restricted

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information and the files related to those authorizations are in compliance with the Seattle Municipal Code.

Dated this 20<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2007.



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